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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Ashton, et al.

Serial No.: 10/542,214 (Case No. 21317YP)

Art Unit:

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Filed: July 14, 2005

Examiner:

C. Aulakh

For: 3-AMINO-4-PHENYLBUTANOIC ACID
DERIVATIVES AS DIPEPTIDYL PEPTIDASE
INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT OR
PREVENTION OF DIABETES

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 14, 2007, for which a response is due by June 14, 2007, please amend this application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks which are deemed to place it in condition for allowance.

Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on page 2 of this response. Remarks begin on page 22 of this response.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

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